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- 11. (SBU) EcMin met April 20 with MFA Iraq Task Force Director Gian Ludovico De Martino to discuss reftel points. De Martino reported that the MFA had not yet decided who would attend the ICI signing ceremony on May 3. De Martino's aide, Giovanni Scopa, noted that if FM D'Alema could not attend, Deputy FM Ugo Intini might, as he had recently traveled to Iraq. Separately, Scopa reported that six Italian PRT reconstruction advisors and experts had arrived this week in Dhi Qar, Iraq to begin work.
- 12. (SBU) EcMin also met April 20 with Giulio Terzi, MFA Director General for Multilateral Political Affairs and Human Rights. Terzi was doubtful that FM D'Alema would attend the meeting and did not how much additional financial or technical assistance the GOI would be able to offer Iraq. Terzi reassured us that the GOI still had a "strong commitment" to the Iraq Compact and would ensure the USG appeal for more assistance received a wide audience within the GOI. Spogli